

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lounsberry et al.

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ASSOCIATING A FIELD  
REPLACEABLE UNIT WITH A  
MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM  
AND RECORDING OPERATIONAL  
DATA

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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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